Statement

District-wise unemployed youth benefitted in Mandi, Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Kalpa and Lahaul-Spiti districts of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana.

As reported by the State Government

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of unemployed youth benefitted			
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	Total
1.	Mandi	376	377	357	1110
2.	Kangra	469	391	406	1266
3.	Kullu	122	96	65	283
4.	Chamba	123	100	67	290
5.	Kalpa	25	27	31	83
6.	Lahaul & Spiti	15	13	13	41

Phasing out of reservation an investment cap

2978. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) has said that reservation and investment cap for the small scale sector should be phased out in the long term;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) The UNIDO Division in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Industry is not in receipt of any official communication from United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) regarding phasing out of reservation and investment cap for the small-scale sector. However, it appears from the press-cuttings that the Director General of UNIDO, during his recent visit to India, had expressed his view on the existing reservation policy in the SSI sector.

(b) and (c) The Question does not arise.

Job creation through KVIC in NER

2979. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission has drawn a programme for creation of jobs for rural workers in the country particularly in the North-Eastern Region during the year 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to create a large number of jobs through KVIC in NER during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) In the North Eastern Region, 12 Districts and 10 blocks have been identified for creation of jobs under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) as given in 'Statement' (*See* below). Under the Margin Money Scheme grant of 25% is provided to the projects costing upto Rs. 10 lakhs and 10% for the cost exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs. For North Eastern Region, beneficiaries grant is 30% instead of 25%. Under the Margin Money Scheme, KVIC has

released Rs. 132 crores to 27 nationalised banks for payment of margin money. All banks have been requested to utilise 10% of the funds released to them for the projects in the North Eastern Region.

(c) In view of the reply at (a) and (b) question does not arise.

(d) KVIC constituted a Committee for preparing an action plan for the benefit of the North Eastern Region. The Committee, which has conducted detailed analysis of the potentiality of Village Industries in the region has submitted its report. Keeping the requirement of North Eastern Region in view and also the recommendations/suggestions of the Committee. KVIC has approved a separate action plan for this region. it is expected that with the launching of the action plan. at least 10% of the KVIC budgetary support will go exclusively in favour of North Eastern Region.

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District Special Employment Programme

Sl. No.	States	Districts
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlang
2.	Assam	Marigaon Lakhimpur
3.	Manipur	Imphal
4.	Mizoram	Lunglai & Aizwal
5.	Meghalaya	East Garo Hills West Garo Hills South Garo Hills
6.	Nagaland	Dimapur & Kohima
7.	Tripura	Tripura (West)

125 Block Development Programme

Sl. No.	States	Blocks
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Kimindoimuk
2.	Assam	Rangia Kokopathar Udal Guri Matia Bihpuria
3.	Manipur	Thanglong Kamjong
4.	Mizoram	Mizoram
5.	Meghalaya	Selsella
6.	Nagaland	Medziphema
7.	Tripura	Mohanpur

Entry of 'Philip Morris'

2980. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are preparing to let in the world's largest tobacco multinational, "Philip Morris" with 100% FDI;

(b) whether this will not increase cigarette smoking, add to health hazards and hurt beedi industry; and

(c) whether this policy is consistent with the Government's National Agenda that 'India shall be build by Indians'?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) A proposal has been received from M/s. FTR Holding (stated to be a subsidiary of M/s. Philip Morris) for setting up a Wholly Owned Subsidiary in India for, inter-alia, undertaking research and technical services to improve tobacco leaf production; processing tobacco using proprietary expanded tobacco technology; and providing marketing, advertising and distribution support to licensed manufacturers of cigarettes etc.

(b) Proposals (including that of M/s. FTR Holding) are considered and recommended by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) after taking into account all relevant issues, based on the applicable guidelines for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and comments received from Administrative Ministries concerned.